



THEATER ETIQUETTE INFORMATION for STUDENTS

A live performance is a unique experience shared between performers and the audience. The enjoyment of the show is dependent on the actions of everyone. Please read and discuss the following rules with your group before attending.

- Before the performance, you may talk to those seated next to you. Stay alert for any instructions or announcements from teachers, ushers or theater staff.
- Dimming of theater lights signals the start of a performance. It's time to focus on the stage.
- Keep your feet off the seats and do not step over seat backs.
- Do not lean over balcony railings or attempt to throw or drop anything from the balconies.
- To fully enjoy a live performance, it's important to listen and watch closely. Avoid talking or getting up during the show as it can disturb others around you and cause them to miss the best parts. Unlike a video, live performances can't be rewind.
- If you think something is funny, it's OK to laugh. If you like something a lot, applaud. This will let the performers know you are enjoying the show.
- At the end of the show, show your appreciation by applauding. Applause is how you say thank you to the performer. The performers will bow as you applaud. That is how they say thank you for coming to their show.
- When the lights get brighter in the theater, the show is over. Please wait for announcements to be made from the stage for dismissal.

Please remember: Taking photographs or recordings during the performance is usually not allowed because it can disturb the performers and other audience members, and because the show is the creator's property (this is called copyright protection).

GOOD RULES TO REMEMBER:

**RESPECT THE BUILDING
RESPECT THE AUDIENCE
RESPECT THE PERFORMER**